Demand of Post Offices in Uttaranchal

†1212. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the demands of Sub-Post Offices and Branch Post Offices in Uttaranchal State;

(b) the district-wise details of the new Post Offices proposed to be opened by Government during the Tenth Five Year Plan period, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the total Sub-Post Offices and Branch Post Offices opened in various districts of Uttaranchal during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) The details of demands received for opening of Sub-Post Offices and Branch Post Offices in Uttaranchal from 1.4.2002 till 23.7.2003 and their current status is given in the Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) During the Tenth Five Year Plan a total of 1000 EDBOs (Extra Departmental Branch Offices), 100 DSOs (Departmental Sub Offices) and 5000 PSSKs (Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras) are proposed to be opened in the country. These targets are distributed on an annual basis to Circles, including Uttaranchal, keeping in view their requirement and availability of resources. During the current year Uttaranchal Circle has been recently allocated 5 EDBOs and 10 PSSKs.

(c) Details of total number of EDBOs and DSOs opened during the last financial year is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of proposals received in Uttaranchal Circle for opening of Sub-Post Offices and Branch Post Offices from 1.4.2002 till 23.7.2003.

Category of Post Office	No. of Proposals received	Proposals found justified	Proposals not found justified	Proposals under examination
Branch Office	91	3	84	4
Sub Office	10	-	7	3

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-II

Details of Sub-Post Offices and Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices opened in various districts of Uttaranchal Circle during 2002-03

Departmental Sub Offices - Nil

Extra Departmental Branch Offices:

Sl. No.	District	Name of Branch Office
1	Bageshwar	Payyan
2	Pauri	(i) Gadiyun
		(ii) Bansi
3	Tehri	Bhainskot

Telephone ratio

†1213. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) availability of telephones per hundred persons in different States;

(b) whether any time-frame to make telephone availability upto the world level has been fixed; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Availability of telephone for hundred persons in different States are given in Statement. (*See* below).

(b) No Sir, time frame has not been fixed to take telephone availability to the world level. However NTP-99 envisage that the overall teledensity of 7 by the year 2005 and 15 by the year 2010.

(c) The details of steps taken/being taken in this regard are given as under:

1. Basic services have been opened for competition.

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